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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

CROWDER ET AL.

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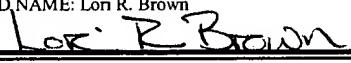
Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2004. Therein, the Examiner entered a third Restriction Requirement with regard to the present application. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that pending Claims 1-63 comprise two distinct inventions and are subject to restriction.

} Group Art Unit: 3729
} Examiner: KIM, PAUL D.
} AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
} RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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